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1. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION IN PARA 2 REF A, WE HAVE NOTED
NO CHANGE IN BASIC FRENCH POSITION ON CBMS IN POLADS DIS-
CUSSIONS, AND BELIEVE FRENCH REP'S STATEMENT IN PARA 2
REF B SHOULD NOT BE READ AS INDICATING AN EVOLUTION IN THE
FRENCH APPROACH.

2. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION, FRENCH POLAD REP AFFIRMED THAT
THE POSITION OF HER AUTHORITIES ON CBMS HAS NOT CHANGED
IN SUBSTANCE OR IN NUANCE. SHE EMPHASIZED FRENCH SKEPTI-
CISM REGARDING BENEFITS OF MARGINAL IMPROVEMENTS IN CBMS,
AND VIEW THAT ALLIED EFFORTS TO OBTAIN SOVIET CONCESSIONS
IN CBM FIELD WOULD HAVE TO BE PAID FOR BY ALLIED CONCES-
SIONS IN OTHER AREAS. ACCORDINGLY, SHE BELIEVED HER AUTHOR-
ITIES WOULD CONTINUE TO VIEW ALLIED PROPOSALS IN THIS AREA
WITHOUT ENTHUSIASM.

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3. THUS, AS EXPRESSED HERE, FRENCH VIEW ON CBMS PARALLELS
THAT REPORTED IN PARIS' EXCELLENT ANALYSIS (REF C).
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